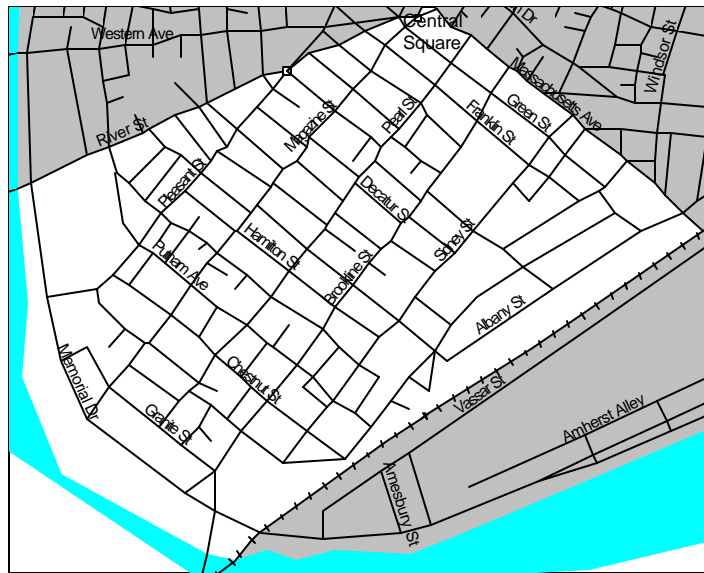
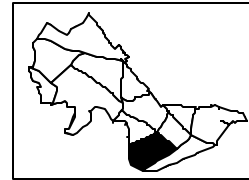


# NEIGHBORHOOD 5

## CAMBRIDGEPORT



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, the B&A railroad, the Charles River, and River Street

**POPULATION:** 10,052 residents  
4,203 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$28,466

Neighborhood #5 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officers) and Car 5R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 5A, 5B, and Central 12.

### COMPARISON OF 2<sup>ND</sup> Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	15	23	20	38	19
Street Robbery	12	10	11	7	19
Auto Theft	23	32	35	34	33
Larceny from MVs	25	47	48	29	45
Malicious Destruction	45	59	58	59	86
Drug Arrests	22	16	5	8	7

### 2003 SECOND QUARTER IN REVIEW

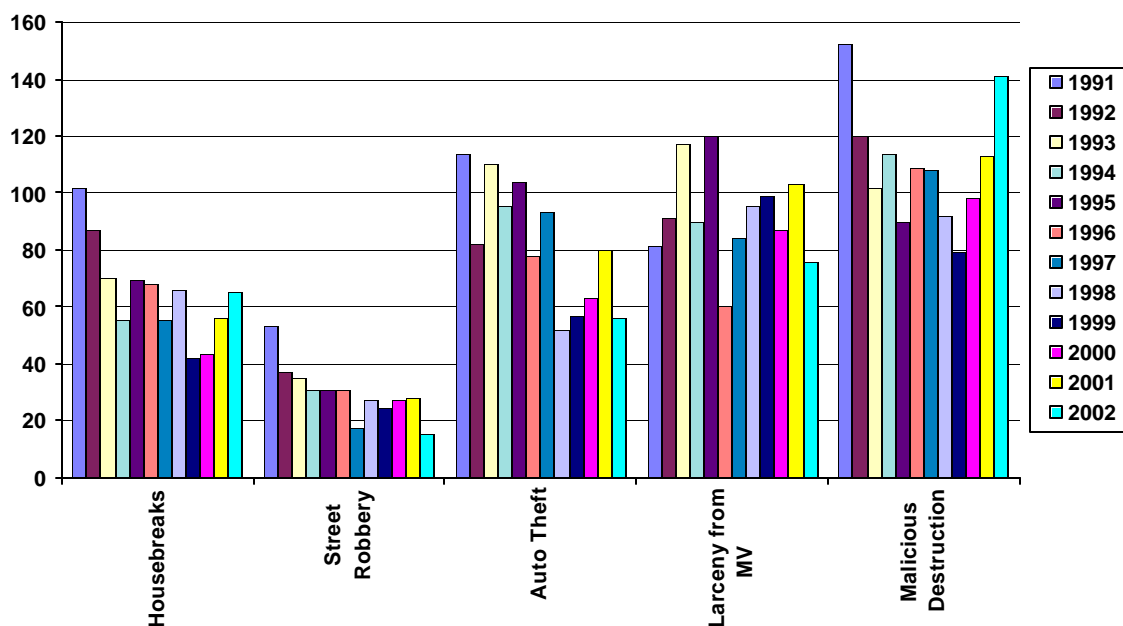
There were nineteen **street robbery** incidents in the first half of 2003. This high total is due to the high number of street robberies reported during the first quarter. The majority of the robberies occurred in the late night hours on Fridays and early morning hours on Saturdays. Seven arrests were made. Four Cambridge youths were arrested in February after they followed an unknown male victim around Central Square. The victim realized he was being followed and got into his motor vehicle, but was quickly approached by the four youths. One indicated that he was carrying a gun while two of his companions got into the victim's car and demanded the victim's wallet and keys. The suspects fled, but were later apprehended. • **Housebreaks** significantly decreased throughout the City in comparison to 2002. In three of the nineteen housebreaks reported, entry was not successfully gained. No patterns were reported. The only related breaks occurred in late January when an unknown suspect attempted to pry open the front door of one apartment and successfully pried open the front door of another apartment in the same building on Allston Street. • The **auto theft** total for Cambridgeport remains steady in the second quarter of 2003. Thefts of Honda Accords and Civics have significantly increased throughout the City and the Cambridgeport neighborhood is no different. Between April 27<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, five cars were reported stolen. All five of those cars were Honda Accords manufactured between 1994 and 1997. The thefts occurred around 9:00 p.m. All but one have since been recovered. • **Larcenies from motor vehicles** were concentrated on Allston, Magazine, and Pearl Streets, and at Pacific and Sydney Streets. In late April, seven parked Honda Accords and Civics were broken into. The suspect targeted car stereos. • The majority of **malicious destruction of property** incidents involved damage to parked cars and were concentrated in the same areas as the larcenies from motor vehicles. • Two of the seven **drug arrests** for the first half of the year were the result of an investigation by the Special Investigations Unit. Both of

the arrests were of Cambridge residents and were made based on information that a drug transaction was to take place at a certain place and time, which allowed the Unit to set up surveillance.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridgeport has the fifth highest residential population of the city's neighborhoods. It is characterized by several large apartment buildings as well as many one, two, and three family houses. The neighborhood is bordered by a string of retail stores, hotels, and restaurants on Memorial Drive, River Street, and Massachusetts Avenue.

- **Street robberies** have long been the most serious crime problem in Cambridgeport. As with Area 4, Cambridgeport's street robberies tend to concentrate near Massachusetts Avenue and Central Square. They are often predatory, and are usually committed after 9:00 at night on weekends.
- **Housebreaks**, usually higher than average in Cambridgeport, have declined significantly since the 1980s. The average number of housebreaks since 1991 is half of the 1980s average. And they have declined another 30 percent since 1991. Cambridgeport's housebreak rate can be attributed to its large, densely packed residential population.
- Cambridgeport has continually experienced the highest rate of **auto theft** since the 1980s. The 1999 Camry Auto Theft pattern helped to displace Cambridgeport's number one ranking by setting East Cambridge and Area 4 as the top two.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** usually registers high in Cambridgeport.
- The homeless shelter on Albany Street is often a scene for **street robbery** and **aggravated assault** between its patrons.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGEPORT AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	156	2	67	2	2
Street Robbery	57	2	33	2	5
Auto Theft	165	1	85	1	2
Larceny from MVs	126	4	94	3	4
Malicious Destruction	106	6	110	3	1

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest